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**A Field of Young Ornamentals at Miethke's**



**Rockery Plant Suggestions at Miethke's**

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## **Plants Are No Better Than Their Roots**

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### *Strong Root Development*

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Under Mr. Miethke's supervision and careful direction, a root system has been perfected and adhered to which assures a sturdy and beautiful growth. The soil at the Miethke Nurseries is particularly suited to strong root development, and stock grown in it is as nearly perfect as it is possible to be.

The Miethke Nursery stands back of all stock grown at their place, and will make good any loss due to injuries that may occur from their handling of it.

As a tree, shrub, or plant is no better than its roots, it is highly important that the roots should have scientific care and supervision during the early stages of growth. The Miethke root system has been one of the biggest factors in the success of the Miethke Nursery and is assurance that anything you get from us is fully warranted as a strong and healthy plant.

### *High Grade Stock*

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A steadily increasing trade of discriminating buyers and lovers of flowers, trees and shrubs, who know values, is a sure indication of the high quality of our stock.

To those who are not familiar with Miethke policies, and who may not have dealt with us in the past, we wish to emphasize the fact that nothing but the very best and finest of nursery stock is grown by us and everything that we offer to our customers is the very best that long experience in this business can make it.

Visitors to the Miethke Nursery marvel at the beauty of our fields and often drive out just to revel in the lovely masses of color when flowering plants are in bloom. Visitors are always welcome at our nursery and we extend a cordial invitation to come and inspect our stock at any time.

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## INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain only a partial list of the hundreds of varieties of Trees, Shrubs and Plants to be had from our nursery.

Owing to the ever-increasing demand for rockery plants, we are designating the most suitable plants and shrubs with a \*.

### BROAD LEAVED EVERGREENS

- \* **Abelia Grandiflora**—Graceful pink flowering.
- \* **Andromeda Floribunda**—Lily of the Valley shrub.
- Aralia Sieboldii**—Very large glossy foliage.
- Aucuba Japonica**—Japanese Laurel, red berried.
- “ “ **Variegated**—Green with golden spots.
- Azalca Amoena**—Japanese evergreen, Cerise red.
- “ **Ledifolium Album**—Large white flowering.
- “ “ **Purpureum**—Large lavender rose.
- \* “ **Hinodigiri**—Bright scarlet Japanese.
- \* “ **Macrantha**—Bright pink Japanese.
- Bamboo, Japanese**—Both dwarf and tall varieties.
- Bay Tree**—*Laurus Nobilis*.
- Berberis Darwinii**—Small holly leaved.
- \* “ **Dulcis**—Small oval leaved.
- \* “ “ **Nana**—Dwarf, for borders and rockeries.
- “ **Hookerii**—Larger leaved.
- \* “ **Sanguinea** (New)—Fine light green foliage.
- “ **Stenophylla**—Dark narrow leaved.
- \* “ **Verruculosa**—Semi-dwarf, very good.
- “ **Gagne Payne**—Long narrow leaved.
- “ **Sargentea**—Large leaved with long thorns.
- Boxwood Dwarf**—For borders, boxes and rockeries.
- “ **English**—For hedges (best for trimming).
- “ **Golden**—Golden variegated foliage.
- “ **Silver**—Leaves have white variegations.
- \* **Cotoneaster Adpressa**—Of slow spreading growth.
- “ **Franchetii**—Upright with graceful arching branches.
- \* “ **Henryana**—Low drooping habit.
- \* “ **Humifusa**—Prostrate trailing for banks and rockeries.
- \* “ **Microphylla**—Sprawling, dark green glossy foliage.
- \* “ **Thymifolia**—Dwarf type, very small dark green foliage.
- “ **Pannosa**—Upright, a slender graceful shrub.
- “ **Salicifolia Flocosa**—Drooping spreading habit.
- “ **Simonsii**—Upright growing, light red berries.
- \* “ **Whelleri**—Spreading habit, dark red berries.
- \* “ **Congesta**—Best Rockery variety, very fine.

All the Cotoneasters have red berries of various sizes and shades.

\* Indicates suitable Rockery Plants.



- \* *Daphne Cneorum*—Low spreading, very fragrant pink flowers.  
 " *Odora*—Waxy light green leaves, fragrant pink flowers.
- \* *Eleagnus Pungens Aurea*—Low growing pretty variegated foliage.  
*Escollonia Rubra*—Pretty green foliage with clusters of red flowers.  
*Evonymus Japonica Alba*—Glossy green foliage edged with white.  
 " " *Aurea*—Glossy green foliage edged with gold.  
 " " *Microphylla*—Small green foliage.
- \* " *Radicans*—Trailing, with deep green foliage.  
 \* " *Radicans*—Trailing, with white variegations.  
 \* " *Kewensis*—(Rare) with very small leaves.  
 \* " *Colorata*—Large leaf which turns bronze in winter.  
 \* " *Vegatus*—Round dark green leaves.  
 \* " *Rosmarinifolius*—Narrow leaves turn bronze in winter.
- Holly English*—Large leaved and large berried.  
 " *Dutch*—Smaller smooth foliage, smaller berries.  
 " *Golden*—Leaves have golden variegations.  
 " *Silver*—Leaves have silver variegations.
- \* *Hypericum Moserianum*—Has large yellow flowers all summer.  
 " *Aureum*—Tall variety, smaller yellow flowers.
- Kalmia Latifolia*—Eastern Mountain Laurel, has pink flowers.  
 " *Augustifolia*—Smaller type, with pink flowers.  
 " *Polifolia*—Glossy narrow foliage, deep pink flowers.
- \* *Kinnikinnick*—Glossy evergreen leaves, bright red berries.  
*Laurel English*—Large glossy leaves, green.  
 " *Portugal*—Dark glossy green leaves, narrow.
- \* " *Camelliacfolia*—Smaller leaves and of dwarf habit.  
*Laurustinus*—Winter flowering, red buds opening to white flowers.  
*Leucothoe Catesbaei*—Flowers are white and are similar to lily-  
 [of-the-valley.
- Lonicera Nitida*—Small deep green foliage, trims well.  
*Magnolia Grandiflora*—Large foliage and pure white flowers.  
*Mahonia Aquifolium*—Yellow flowers, followed by blue berries.  
 " *Japonica*—Heavy foliage with yellow variegations.
- \* *Japanese Spurge*—Best evergreen ground cover for dense shade.  
*Nandina Domestica*—Heavenly Bamboo, foliage turns red in winter.  
*Priwet Amurensis*—Small leaves, white blossom.  
 " *Golden*—Golden variegated.  
 " *Lodense*—Dwarf, of very dense growth.  
 " *Lucidum*—Waxy leaves, one of the best.
- \* *Pyracantha Lelandi*—Fire bush, orange red berries.  
 " *Coccinea*—This variety has bright red berries.  
*Raphiolepis Ovata*—Leathery foliage, clusters of pinkish flowers.  
*Rhododendron Pink Pearl*—Finest light pink.  
 " *Alice*—Clear deeper pink.  
 " *Ponticum*—Lavender purple.  
 " *Californicum*—Pink flowers of medium size.

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**Hemlock, *Tsuga***—One of our most graceful native trees.

\* " **Aurea**—Golden type of above.

" **Chinensis**—Silvery foliage of upright growth.

" " **Variegata**—This variety has white variegations.

\* " " **Procumbens**—A prostrate form of green type.

\* " " **Alba**—This is the white variegated [prostrate.

\* " " " **Aurea**—The golden variegated [prostrate.

\* " **Pfitzeriana**—Silver green, low spreading.

\* " **Sabina**—Semi-prostrate type with deep green foliage.

\* " " **Variegata**—The variegated type of the above.

\* " **Tamarisifolia**—Gray Carpet juniper.

" **Communis**—Silvery colored European Juniper.

" **Irish**—Silvery gray columnar form.

" **Scopulorum**—Rockery Mountain silver juniper.

" **Swedish**—Silvery foliage, deep blue berries.

" **Virginiana**—Upright growth, short needles, bronze in [winter.

" " **Glanca**—Bright silver blue foliage.

" " **Smithii**—Bright green foliage all winter.

\* " " **Lecii**—Spreading, graceful with golden variega- [tions.

" **Libertonia**—Best silver colored Juniper.

" **Wislenbergia**—Spreading Juniper of graceful habit.

\* " **Kosteriana**—Creeping form of deep green color.

" **Stricta**—Bluish foliage, compact habit.

**Libocedrus Decurrens**—Flat leaves are very fragrant.

" " **Compacta**—Dwarf form of the above.

**Pine Austrian**—Heavy grower with long needles.

\* " **Dwarf Mugho**—Low, compact growing.

" **Japanese Red**—Of medium growth with slender needles.

" **Japanese Umbrella**—Heavy needles in whorls, similar to an [umbrella.

**Retinospora Ericoides**—Soft green foliage, bronze in winter.

" **Thyoides Aurea**—Of loose growth with golden varie- [gations.

" **Filifera**—Japanese thread branched cypress.

" **Filifera Aurea**—Golden form of the above.

" **Obtusa**—Deep green, flat branches.

\* " " **Gracilis**—More graceful type of above.

\* " " **Aurea**—A golden form of the above.

\* " " **Nana Nana**—Very dwarf type of Obtusa.

" " **Columnaris**—Of columnar growth.

- Retinospora Plumosa**—Japanese plume cypress.
- “ **Plumosa Aurea**—Golden form of the above.
- “ **Plumosa Aurea Nana**—A dwarf of the above type.
- “ **Pisifera**—A more open growth with drooping tips.
- “ **Pisifera Aurea**—Same as above with golden foliage.
- \* “ **Squarrosa Nana**—Dwarf, compact habit, soft blue  
[green color.
- “ **Squarrosa Veitchii**—Larger growing variety.
- Spruce Excelsa**—Norway Spruce, short needle type.
- “ **Colorado Blue**—Sturdy growing of silvery blue color.
- “ **Polita**—Tiger Tail Spruce, very stiff and pointed needles.
- “ **Orientalis**—Very short needled, deep green.
- Thuya Lobbii**—Wide flat foliage, variegated gold and green.
- “ **Lycopothoides**—Of upright growth, crested foliage.
- “ **Occidentalis Globosa**—Very hardy variety of globe shape.
- “ “ **Pyramidalis**—Of compact columnar growth.
- “ “ **Lutea**—One of the best golden colored Thuya.
- “ “ **Ellwangeriana**—Dwarf with soft foliage.
- “ “ **Conica Densa**—Dwarf pyramidal type.
- \* “ “ **Little Gem**—Very dwarf of spreading habit.
- “ **Orientalis**—Finer foliage and lighter color than Occidentalis
- “ “ **Beverlyensis**—Tall growing, golden foliage.
- “ “ **Bonita**—Of compact growth, fine green foliage.
- “ “ **Aurea Nana**—Dwarf, compact golden foliage  
[variety.
- “ “ **Conspicua**—The brightest yellow Thuya.
- “ “ **Pyramidalis**—Of heavy pyramidal growth.
- Thuyopsis Dolobrata**—Odd branches with scales heavier than  
[Thuya.
- Yew English**—Dark green foliage of slow growth.
- “ **English Golden**—A golden variegated variety, red berried.
- “ **Irish**—Of columnar habit, dark green foliage and red berried.
- “ **Irish Golden**—Same as above with golden variegations.
- “ **Japanese**—Foliage of a lighter green and more pointed.
- \* “ **Japanese Golden**—One of the finest golden evergreens.
- The Heathers are some of the best of the low growing flowering evergreens.
- \* **Heather Irish Bell**—Deep green foliage, rose lavender flowers all  
[summer.
- \* “ “ **Alba**—White form of the above.
- \* “ **Carnea**—Bright Rose, winter flowering.
- \* “ **Mediterranean**—Early spring blooming, upright growth.
- \* “ “ **Hybrid**—Winter blooming, bright pink  
[flowers.
- \* “ **Scotch Vulgaris**—Very hardy, rose purple flowers.

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**Aristolochia Siphon** (Dutchman's Pipe)—Large leaves and purple  
[flowers.]

**Bignonia Radicans** (Trumpet Creeper)—Orange colored flowers.

**Clematis**—Large flowering type, four varieties, purple, white, pink  
[and lavender.]

**Clematis**—Small flowering type, four varieties, pink and white.

**Honeysuckle**—Two deciduous varieties and two evergreen varieties.

**Ivy, English**—The well known evergreen variety.

" " **Variegated**—Same as above with variegated foliage.

**Jasmine Nudiflorum**—Yellow, flowering very early.

" **Officinale**—Dainty white flowers and lacy foliage.

**Matrimony Vine**—Purple flowers followed by bright red berries.

**Polygonum Auberti**—Silver lace vine.

**Wisteria Multijuga**—Large clusters of lavender and violet shades.

" **Chenensis, Purple**—The Chinese purple variety.

" **Pink**—Clusters of lavender pink blossoms.

### FLOWERING SHRUBS

**Almond**—Double pink blossoms, very pretty.

**Azalea Mollis**—In shades of yellow, orange, salmon and rose.

" **Calendulacea**—Bright orange yellow.

" **Alta Clarence**—Bright yellow and rose.

" **Occidentalis**—White with rose and yellow markings, very  
[fragrant.]

**Azalea Evergreen** varieties listed under Broadleaf Evergreens.

\* **Berberis Thunbergii**—Dwarf variety with long red berries in winter

\* " " **Atropurpurea**—New red leaved barberry.

" **Wilsonii**—Has very attractive salmon color berries in fall.

**Buddleia Magnificia**—Butterfly Bush or Summer Lilac.

**Caragana Arborecens**—Has fine foliage and yellow flowers.

**Ceanothus Gloire de Versailles**—Graceful panicles of blue flowers.

" **Marie Simon**—Pink variety blooms a long season.

**Coral Berry**—Small pink flowers followed by red berries.

**Deutzia Crenata**—Double white flowers tinged lavender.

" **Gracilis**—Dwarf pure white flowering variety.

" **Pride of Rochester**—Flowers double white tinged with  
[rose.]

**Elder Golden**—Yellow foliaged has purple berries in fall.

**Filbert, Purple Leaved**—One of the best purple leaved shrubs.

**Forsythia Fortunii**—Of upright growth, very early bright yellow  
[flowers.]

" **Suspensa**—Flowers same as above but not as heavy  
[growing.]

**Hydrangea Arborescens**—Very hardy pure white.

" **Otaksa**—Pink and blue varieties.

" **Paniculata Grandiflora**—Cone shaped flowers, white  
[changing to pink.]

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- Kerria Japonica**—Japanese Rose, slender shrub with double yellow [flowers.]
- Lilac**—Grafted varieties in the various colors, white to a shade almost red, and also shades of blue and purple.
- Maple, Japanese Cutleaf**—Dwarf growing with fine cut foliage, red [and green leaved varieties.]
- Philadelphus (Mock Orange) Virginale**—Large double white flowers.
- “ “ “ **Grandiflora**—Large single white flowers.
- Quince, Japanese**—Early flowering shrub, bright red flowers.
- \* “ “ **Dwarf**—Fine for banks, orange red flowers.
- Rhus Cotinus (Smoke Tree)**—Large purplish panicles look like [smoke.]
- Snowball, Common**—Large snowball-like flowers.
- “ **Plicatum**—Japanese Snowball flower heads are more [graceful.]
- Spiraea Anthony Waterer**—Low growing, red flowering.
- “ **Billardii**—Bright pink flowering.
- “ **Thunbergii**—Bridal Veil, very small white flowers very [early.]
- “ **Van Houttei**—Bridal Wreath, one of best white flowering.
- Sumac Staghorn**—Large fine cut foliage turns gold and red in fall.
- Tamarix African**—Feathery foliage and long sprays of pink flowers.
- “ **Tetrandra**—Dwarfed type blooms in August, fine pink.
- Wiegelia Rosea**—Deep rose pink variety.
- “ **Alba**—A pure white flowering sort.
- “ **Eva Rathke**—Dwarf habit, red blossom, a long season.

#### PERENNIALS

- Achillea (The Pearl)**—Double white fine cut flower.
- Agrostemina**—Gray hairy leaves and crimson flowers.
- \* **Rlyssum**—Several varieties, fine for rockeries and borders.
- \* **Androsace**—In variety, fine rockery plants.
- \* **Anemone**—Japanese, St. Bridgid and other varieties in colors.
- \* **Aquilegia (Columbine)**—In variety of colors, long spurred and [dwarf rockery varieties.]
- \* **Arabis (Snow on the mountain)**—In four varieties.
- \* **Arenaria**—Several varieties.
- \* **Armeria (Thrift)**—Dwarf and tall varieties.
- Artemesia Lactiflora**—Tall feathery flower of creamy white.
- Asters Hardy (Michaelmas Daisies)**—In shades of color from white [to purple, also pink shades.]
- Astilbe (Spirea)**—White, pink, lavender pink and rose.
- \* **Aubrietia**—In six shades of blue and pink.
- \* **Bellis Perennis (English Daisies)**—White, pink and red.
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- Boltonia**—Deep rose and purple.
- \* **Campanula**—Large number of varieties, from low rockery 3 inches [to the tall varieties that grow 6 feet high.
- Carnations Hardy**—White, pink and red.
- Centaurea**—Perennial Bachelors Button, blue and white.
- \* **Cerastium**—Snow in summer.
- \* **Cheiranthus** (Siberian Wallflower)—Orange and mauve.
- Convallaria**—Lily of the Valley.
- Crysanthemum**—A large number of varieties in all colors.
- “ **Maximum**—Shasta Daisy, several varieties.
- Coreopsis**—Bright yellow flower, fine for cut flowers.
- Delphinium**—Fine assortment of named and hybrid varieties.
- \* **Dianthus**—A large number of varieties, both dwarf and tall, for cut [flowers and rockeries.
- Dicentra** (Bleeding Heart)—With well known heart-shaped flower.
- Digitalis** (Foxglove)—In variety of colors.
- Doronicum**—Early spring flowering yellow daisy.
- \* **Erigeron**—Several varieties.
- Eryngium** (Sea Holly)—Blue flowers, fine for winter bouquets.
- Eulalia Japonica**—Japanese ribbon grass.
- Ferns Hardy**—A number of good varieties.
- Fuchsia**—Several varieties.
- Gaillardia** (Blanket Flower)—In yellow, crimson, orange and [bronze.
- \* **Gentiana Acaulis**—The famous Alpine Gentian of Switzerland.
- \* **Geum**—Four varieties in yellow, orange and red.
- Glycerium**—Pampas Grass or Plume Grass.
- \* **Gypsophila** (Baby Breath)—Six varieties in pink and white.
- Helenium**—Four varieties, in yellow and bronze shades.
- \* **Helianthemum** (Rock Rose)—In a large variety of colors.
- Heliopsis Zinniaeflora**—Rich yellow, fine for cutting.
- Helleborus** (Christmas Rose)—Blooms in winter.
- Hemerocallis** (Day Lily)—Yellow and bronze shades.
- \* **Heuchera** (Coral Bells)—Pink and red shades.
- Hollyhock**—In assorted colors.
- \* **Hypericum**—A number of good rockery and border varieties.
- \* **Iberis** (Hardy Candytuft)—White and lavender shades.
- \* **Inula Ensifolia**—Alpine daisy with yellow flowers.
- Iris German**—In varieties and colors.
- “ **Japanese**—In varieties and colors.
- “ **Spanish**—In varieties and colors.
- “ **Dutch**—In varieties and colors.
- \* “ **Siberian**—And also dwarf Iris in colors.
- Lathyrus** (Perennial Sweet Pea)—Both white and pink flowering.
- \* **Lavandula** (Lavender)—Two varieties, English and French.
- \* Indicates suitable Rockery Plants.







## HEATHER

The various varieties of Heather are very popular and we grow large quantities of them; some of these bloom in the summer, some in the fall, others in the winter, and by having an assortment of them you will have some in bloom almost continuously.

## FRUIT TREES AND BERRIES

Fruit trees make lovely shade trees, especially for the rear yard or lawn. We have a large variety of the best fruit trees and berry plants.

## MODERATE PRICES

In addition to shrubs, plants and trees for outdoor landscape gardening, we carry a complete line of POTTED PLANTS and HOT-HOUSE FLOWERS. We also have a large variety of fruit stock. You can always be sure of finding just what you need at Miethke's and we are always willing and glad to help you in making the proper selections. All of our stock is modestly priced and you can obtain anything from a very modest display to a complete planting for a large estate from our nurseries.

We maintain a complete and modern service that you will find extremely helpful in your landscape problems, and will furnish you with estimates of cost without charge.

## VISIT OUR NURSERY—HOW TO GET THERE

We are 15 minutes' drive by automobile from Tacoma (straight across the valley; cross the Puyallup river bridge at Cushman Veterans' Hospital and go straight ahead to Evergreen Corners. Don't turn.

Cut Flowers

Potted Plants

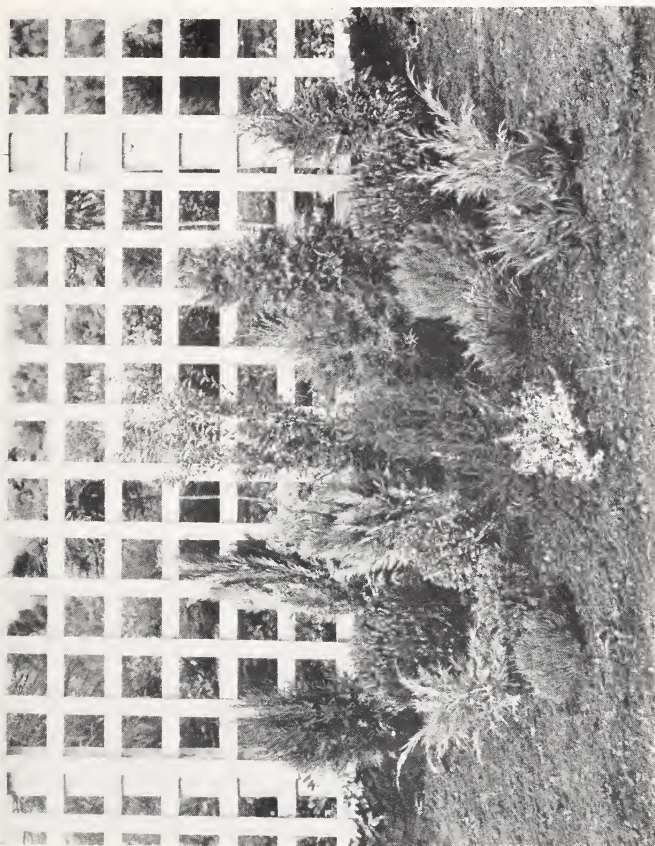
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is not quite complete, not wholly inviting, without the soft varying, frame of an evergreen setting about the building and grounds. And it is an investment which increases in both intrinsic and beauty value with the passing of years.



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